AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended)   A navigation device comprising:

a data storage ~~section~~unit for storing map data;

a destination designating ~~section~~unit for designating a destination;

a position deriving ~~section~~unit for deriving a current position of a user;

a route receiving ~~section~~unit for receiving route data, the route data representing a route, from the current position derived by the position deriving ~~section~~unit, to the destination designated by the destination designating ~~section~~unit, and the route data being obtained according to ~~by means of~~ the map data stored in the data storage ~~section~~unit;

a data selecting ~~section~~unit for selecting ~~a~~ candidate location data, the candidate location data indicating at least one location existing ~~which exists~~ on the route represented by the route data or in a vicinity of the route, ~~and satisfies~~ and satisfying a predetermined condition, the candidate location data being selected based on the route data received by the route receiving ~~section~~unit and the map data stored in the data storage ~~section~~unit;

a location-change designating ~~section~~unit for designating a location of change at which a method of guidance ~~guiding method~~ is to be changed, the location of change being designated based on the candidate location data selected by the data selecting ~~section~~unit;

a determination ~~section~~unit for determining whether or not the user has reached the location of change[[,]] based on the current position derived by the position deriving ~~section~~unit and the location of change designated by the location-change designating ~~section~~unit; and

a navigation guidance ~~section~~unit for (i) guiding the user to the destination using detailed instructions associated with a method of guidance designated ~~with a relatively detailed method,~~ when the determination ~~section~~unit determines that the user has arrived at the location of change, and (ii) performing no process of navigation guidance while the determination unit determines that the user has not arrived at the location of change, ~~wherein~~

wherein the location-change designating ~~section~~ unit includes:

a priority assigning ~~section~~unit for assigning a priority to the location indicated by the candidate location data selected by the data selecting ~~section,~~ unit:

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_____an output ~~section~~unit for outputting the~~a~~ location indicated by the candidate location data selected by the data selecting ~~section~~unit in accordance with the priority assigned by the priority assigning ~~section,~~ unit; and

_____a location-change selecting ~~section~~unit for selecting one location of change based on a designation from the user.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended)   The navigation device according to claim 1, wherein the data selecting ~~section~~unit selects, on the route represented by the route data, candidate location data indicating at least one location existing within a range having a predetermined distance, the range extending from the current position derived by the position deriving ~~section~~unit in the direction of the destination designated by the destination designating ~~section~~unit.

Claim 3 (Cancelled)

Claim 4 (Cancelled)

Claim 5 (Currently Amended)   The navigation device according to claim 1, wherein when the determination ~~section~~unit determines that the user has arrived at the location of change, the navigation guidance ~~section~~unit automatically changes the method of guidance to a detailed method using detailed instructions ~~a guiding method to a relatively detailed method~~.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended)   The navigation device according to claim 1, wherein the navigation guidance ~~section~~unit guides the user to the destination by voice.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended)   The navigation device according to claim 1, wherein the navigation guidance ~~section~~unit performs no process of the navigation guidance while the determination ~~section~~unit determines that the user has not yet arrived at the location of change.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended)   The navigation device according to claim 1, wherein

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the data selecting ~~section~~ unit selects the candidate location data immediately after the route receiving ~~section~~ unit generates the route data.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended)   A guiding method executed by a navigation device, the guiding method comprising:

a ~~destination designating step of~~ designating a destination;

a ~~position deriving step of~~ deriving a current position of a user;

a ~~route receiving step of~~ receiving route data, the route data representing a route, from the current position derived by the ~~position~~ deriving ~~step~~ of the current position, to the destination designated by the ~~destination~~ designating of the destination ~~step~~, and the route data being obtained according to ~~by means of~~ map data stored in the navigation device;

a ~~data selecting step of~~ selecting candidate location data, the candidate location data indicating at least one location existing ~~which exists~~ on the route represented by the route data or in a vicinity of the route, ~~and satisfies~~ and satisfying a predetermined condition, the condition location data being selected based on the route data received by the ~~route~~ receiving of the route data ~~step~~ and the map data stored in the navigation device;

a ~~location change designating step of~~ designating a location of change at which a method of guidance ~~guiding method~~ is to be changed, the location of change being designated based on the candidate location data selected by the ~~data~~ selecting ~~step;~~ of the candidate location data;

a ~~determination step of~~ determining whether or not the user has reached the location of change[[,]] based on the current position derived by the ~~position~~ deriving of the current position ~~step~~ and the location of change designated by the ~~location change~~ designating of the location of change ~~step~~; and

a ~~navigation guidance step of~~ guiding the user to the destination using detailed instructions associated with a method of guidance designated ~~with a relatively detailed method~~ when the determining of whether or not the user has reached the location of change ~~determination step~~ determines that the user has arrived at the location of change, and performing no process of navigation guidance while the determining of whether or not the user has reached the location of change determines that the user has not arrived at the location of change, ~~wherein~~

wherein the determining of whether or not the user has reached the location of change ~~location change designating step~~ includes:

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~~a priority assigning step for~~ assigning a priority to the location indicated by the candidate location data selected by the ~~data~~ selecting <u>of the candidate location data</u> ~~step~~<u>;</u>

_____ ~~an output step for~~ outputting a location indicated by the candidate location data selected by the ~~data~~ selecting <u>of the candidate location data</u> ~~step~~ in accordance with the priority assigned by the ~~priority~~ assigning <u>of the priority</u> ~~section~~<u>;</u> and

_____ ~~a location change selecting step for~~ selecting one location of change based on a designation from the user.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended)   A <u>computer-readable storage medium having a</u> computer program <u>stored thereon, the computer program</u> to be executed by a navigation device for guiding a user to a destination, the computer program ~~comprising:~~ <u>causing the navigation device to execute a method comprising:</u>

~~a destination designating step of~~ designating a destination;

~~a position deriving step of~~ deriving a current position of a user;

~~a route receiving step of~~ receiving route data<u>, the route data</u> representing a route<u>,</u> from the current position derived by the ~~position~~ deriving ~~step~~ <u>of the current position,</u> to the destination designated by the ~~destination~~ designating <u>of the destination</u> ~~step,~~ <u>and the route data being obtained according to</u> ~~by means of~~ map data stored in the navigation device;

~~a data selecting step of~~ selecting candidate location data<u>, the candidate location data</u> indicating at least one location <u>existing</u> ~~which exists~~ on the route represented by the route data or in a vicinity of the route~~, and satisfies~~ <u>and satisfying</u> a predetermined condition<u>, the candidate location data being selected</u> based on the route data received by the ~~route~~ receiving <u>of the route data</u> ~~step~~ and the map data stored in the navigation device;

~~a location change designating step of~~ designating a location of change at which a <u>method of guidance</u> ~~guiding method~~ is to be changed<u>, the location of change being designated</u> based on the candidate location data selected by the ~~data~~ selecting ~~step;~~ <u>of the candidate location data;</u>

~~a determination step of~~ determining whether <u>or not</u> the user has reached the location of change[[,]] based on the current position derived by the ~~position~~ deriving <u>of the current position step</u> and the location of change designated by the ~~location change~~ designating <u>of the location of change</u> ~~step~~; and

a navigation guidance step of guiding the user to the destination using detailed instructions associated with a method of guidance designated with a relatively detailed method when the determining of whether or not the user has reached the location of change determination step determines that the user has arrived at the location of change, and performing no process of navigation guidance while the determining of whether or not the user has reached the location of change determines that the user has not arrived at the location of change, wherein

wherein the determining of whether or not the user has reached the location of change location change designating step includes:

a priority assigning step for assigning a priority to the location indicated by the candidate location data selected by the data selecting of the candidate location data step;

an output step for outputting a location indicated by the candidate location data selected by the data selecting of the candidate location data step in accordance with the priority assigned by the priority assigning of the priority section; and

a location change selecting step for selecting one location of change based on a designation from the user.

Claim 11 (Cancelled)

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